

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 218**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Saldana  
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Huffman)**

January 29, 2007

An act to amend Section 9552 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 218, as introduced, Saldana. Vehicles: fees.

Existing law provides that the fees for renewal of registration, or for renewal of special license plates, are delinquent when the application is made after midnight of the expiration date of the registration or special plates, or 60 days after the date the registered owner receives a specified notice, whichever is later.

When a smog certificate is required, this bill would provide that an application for renewal is not made until the smog certificate is received by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 9552 of the Vehicle Code is amended to
- 2 read:
- 3 9552. (a) Whenever ~~any~~ a vehicle is operated upon ~~any~~ a
- 4 highway of this state without the fees first having been paid as
- 5 required by this code, and those fees have not been paid within 20

1 days of its first operation, those fees are delinquent, except as  
2 provided in subdivision (b).

3 (b) (1) Fees are delinquent whenever *an* application for renewal  
4 of registration, or ~~any~~ *an* application for renewal of special license  
5 plates, is made after midnight of the expiration date of the  
6 registration or special plates, or 60 days after the date the registered  
7 owner is notified by the department pursuant to Section 1661,  
8 whichever is later.

9 (2) *For purposes of paragraph (1), if a certificate of compliance*  
10 *issued in accordance with Section 44015 of the Health and Safety*  
11 *Code is required for renewal, an application for renewal is not*  
12 *made until that certificate is received by the department.*

13 (c) Whenever ~~any~~ a person has received as transferee a properly  
14 endorsed certificate of ownership and the transfer fee has not been  
15 paid as required by this code within 10 days, the fee is delinquent.

16 (d) Whenever ~~any~~ a person becomes an automobile dismantler,  
17 dealer, manufacturer, manufacturer branch, distributor, distributor  
18 branch, or transporter without first having paid the license and  
19 special plate fees as required by this code, the fees are delinquent.